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Title: CONTINUOUS POLYMERASE CHAIN

REACTION PROCESS WITH

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STATIONS

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Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please change the title to --CONTINUOUS POLYMERASE CHAIN
REACTION APPARATUS WITH MULTIPLE TEMPERATURE STATIONS--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claim as follows: